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Grow-op probes spur suit

- Inspections were launched when homes were red-flagged for high hydro usage, says the BCCLA
- Residents are suing the District of Mission for money paid in fees and loss of reputation

A group of homeowners is suing the District of Mission, claiming they've been unfairly charged under a bylaw that lets inspectors search their homes for grow-ops and charge them for that inspection, regardless of what is found.

Micheal Vonn, policy director with the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, said public safety inspectors can search homes and charge owners up to $10,000 in fines or upgrades if — in the case of one man — they're found to be growing cucumbers in their basement.

"The sorts of evidence that has been marshalled against people includes potting soil on the residence (and) mould in a basement," she said.

Vonn said one couple was fined because they had a "suspiciously" empty room in the home — which was vacant because they were turning it into a baby nursery.

"The evidence is ludicrous," she said.

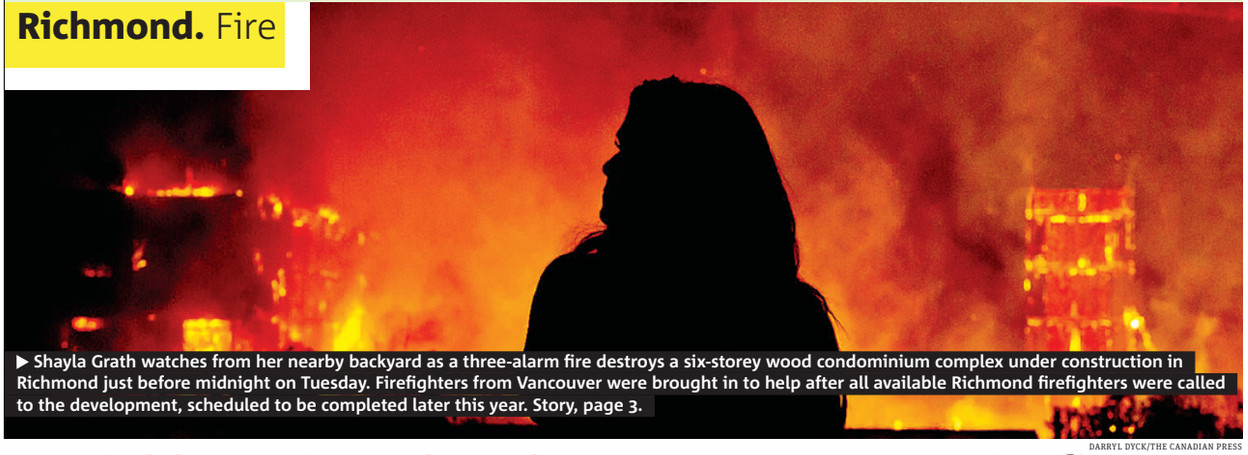
Stacy Gowanlock, who was charged $5,200 because an inspector determined an attic on his property may at one time have held a grow-op, said the lawsuit seems to be the only way to prevent other Mission homeowners from being charged similar penalties.

"The intimidation factor comes from the fact that they invite themselves into your own home and if you refuse entry, there's a threat of having your power cut off (and) coming back in with a warrant," he said.

"(City council) is not the least bit interested in hearing my story or any of the other residents."

Vonn said she hopes the lawsuit will clear up the legality of what constitutes evidence of a grow-op and sufficient grounds for inspecting a home. KRISTEN THOMPSON

Richmond. Fire



▶ Shayla Grath watches from her nearby backyard as a three-alarm fire destroys a six-storey wood condominium complex under construction in Richmond just before midnight on Tuesday. Firefighters from Vancouver were brought in to help after all available Richmond firefighters were called to the development, scheduled to be completed later this year. Story, page 3.

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Social housing development goes up in flames

Local

HST pros and cons

Axing tax would cost us in long run, says panel {page 4}

Bin Laden pics won't be released

Obama fears images will incite violence {page 12}

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Tenants demand protection in Surrey

One of Canada's largest community organizations is holding a rally in Surrey Saturday to pressure the government into protecting rental tenants.

Currently, the city doesn't have a Standard of Maintenance bylaw — similar to ones in Vancouver and New Westminster — that require landlords to do regular inspections and repair damaged properties. ACORN Canada is holding their Rally for Healthy and Livable Homes at 11:10 a.m. Saturday at the intersection of 108 Avenue and King George Boulevard.

MATT KIELTYKA

Cops arrest man for child porn production

Abbotsford police say a 58-year-old man accused to producing child pornography was arrested last week and remains in custody.

The suspect has no prior criminal history, but was identified as a person of interest in a United States-based investigation into a child pornography ring.

Abbotsford police were notified and the man — whose name cannot be released because of a publication ban — was arrested and charged with production of child pornography, distribution of child pornography and sexual interference.

MATT KIELTYKA

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▶ Firefighters rush to the scene as smoke from a three-alarm fire at a six-storey wood condominium complex under construction billows into the air in Richmond just before midnight on Tuesday.

Inferno puts housing on hold

- Under-construction development burned to the ground in Richmond
- Social housing at site was supposed to go online in September

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The operator of a social housing project in Richmond says he was left devastated to learn the almost-completed development had burned to the ground yesterday morning.

A massive blaze engulfed The Remy — near Cambie and Garden City roads in Richmond — late Tuesday night and burned fiercely throughout the night.

By daylight, the two six-storey wooden buildings had been completely levelled and it became clear the entire project — which featured 81 units of social housing and a daycare — would have to be rebuilt from the ground up.

"I was very upset and saddened for families that were looking to move in September," said SUCCESS CEO Thomas Tam, whose organization was to operate the housing units. "There is such a need for affordable housing, a delay like this hurts."

Tam said 48 of the units are for low-income individuals and families, while the rest are for seniors.

SUCCESS had yet to choose candidates for the project, so Tam said at least no families had to be told the bad news.

Oris Development Corporation's Dana Westermark said his company will rebuild but offered no timeline.

"We're still committed to this project. It's fully insured. We will rebuild," he said. No one was injured in the fire and the cause still being investigated.

ICBC to cut workforce to streamline operations

ICBC plans to cut its work force by 350 employees and explore outsourcing possibilities in order to streamline operations.

The public insurer outlined its "2014 Strategy" yesterday, saying it needs to modernize, cut down on bureaucracy and offer better customer service to meet the needs of clients.

And though ICBC is looking to dramatically reduce the number of employees, it claims layoffs will be kept to a minimum.

The plan is to cut down the workforce through attrition, since 22 per cent of its employees reach retirement age by 2014 and another two per cent quit each year.

Those positions — which include 70 management spots — won't be filled unless completely necessary. MATT KIELTYKA

News in brief

UBC museum gets top honour

AWARD. The University of B.C.'s Museum of Anthropology snagged one of Canada's most prestigious architectural awards. The museum is one of four buildings that received the 2011 Prix du XXe Siècle Award from the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada. METRO

West Van arson investigation

FIRE. West Vancouver police are probing an arson early yesterday morning in a home in the British Properties. Police confirmed that up until yesterday, alleged gang associates had been living in an adjacent house.

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1 news

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Killing or keeping the HST

Independent panel released report yesterday analyzing pros and cons of HST, and of going back to PST/GST system Concluded HST would have economic benefit on province, but impact would be gradual

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While axing the HST would put money back in British Columbians' pockets, it would be an expensive move that would ultimately slow the province's economic growth and hurt us in the long run, according to an independent panel.

"Our job isn't to tell you how to vote. It is to look at the facts and offer our best analysis," the review said.

"Our consensus is the HST will be a net benefit to the economy. But you shouldn't expect dramatic results overnight."

1

What everyday expenditures have become more expensive because of HST?
Restaurant meals and snack food, hairdressing and manicures, recreation items such as movies, gym memberships and magazines, and professional services.

2

What is the annual impact to the customer?
B.C. families pay around $350 more every year on routine expenditures under the HST. That said, more than 80 per cent of household spending is taxed as it was before the HST.

3

What is the benefit of a tax shift to consumers?
Businesses can pass on their HST rebates to consumers in the form of lower prices or use their savings to invest in new equipment and productivity.

4

What is the cost of going back?
It would take up to two years to go back. The first year will result in the province losing more than $500 million in revenue. That revenue gap will increase each year.

5

Are there any savings for the government in going back to the PST/GST?
Cancelling the tax could save the government around $400 million a year by cancelling HST rebates and tax breaks for certain groups of the population.

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Syria confirms detention of B.C. journalist working for Al-Jazeera

Al-Jazeera asked Syrian officials yesterday for the immediate release of a B.C. woman arrested while on assignment for the English-language news network, after officials in the Middle Eastern country confirmed their arrest of Dorothy Parvaz.

The network said Parvaz was detained upon her arrival in Damascus six days ago and has had no contact with anyone since.

A graduate of the University of B.C., Parvaz, 39, joined Al-Jazeera last year.

She has Canadian, U.S. and Iranian citizenship, and was based in Qatar when she was sent on assignment to report on the protests in Syria.

Other reporters were expelled from Syria several weeks ago and although journalists from Al-Jazeera were allowed to remain, they faced increasing harassment from security forces. Last week, the network announced it was scaling back operations in Syria as a result.

Calls to Parvaz's family were not immediately returned but a statement from the family posted to the network's website appeals for information.

"Dorothy Parvaz is a dearly loved daughter, sister and fiancee," said the statement posted four days after she disappeared.

"She is dedicated to the profession as a force for peace and justice in the world," it said, adding that she's worked at newspapers across the globe, including in Japan, Arizona, Seattle and Doha, Qatar.

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Team gets new home

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Vancouver's urban search and rescue team has a new place to call home as the city unveiled its new 6,000-square-foot training facility yesterday.

"(It) allows our heavy urban search and rescue team ... to have a great place to store their equipment and have an indoor training facility where they can train year-round," said Capt. Gabe Roder of the Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services.

The team provides a wide range of services such as locating, extricating and stabilizing victims trapped in debris from natural or man-made disasters.

Despite having all these resources on hand for emergencies, Roder said everyone should take a little bit of ownership if ever a natural disaster strikes in Vancouver.

"Residents are going to be on their own for a long time. They need to prepare themselves to be self-sustaining for at least 72 hours," he added. "Don't worry about having somebody else take care of you, more so take care of yourself."

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/FOR METRO

▶ Kalani Polson, a critical care flight paramedic, demonstrates how victims will be treated in a MASH-type hospital in case of natural disasters.

Woman killed by suspected drunk driver

A 22-year-old Surrey woman is dead after her vehicle was struck by an alleged impaired driver at the intersection of 152nd Street and 64th Avenue late Tuesday night.

The victim, identified as Kassandra Marie Kaulius, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The suspect, a 34-year-old woman, allegedly tried to flee the scene on foot before being arrested by RCMP. METRO

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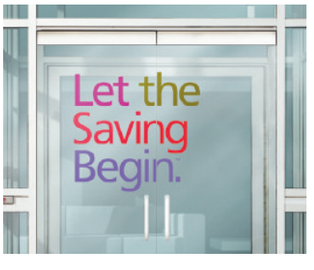

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Lock me up now, bishop tells court

‘Guilty, your honour,’ 70-year-old cleric tells judge in child porn case ◐ Computer images, sex toys found

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▶ Bishop Raymond Lahey at the Ottawa court yesterday.

Roman Catholic Bishop Raymond Lahey of Nova Scotia is going directly to jail after he pleaded guilty yesterday to “importing” child pornography.

Lahey, 70, the former head of the diocese in Antigonish, N.S., was caught at the Ottawa airport in September 2009 with photos of boys involved in sexual acts.

“Guilty, your honour,” Lahey said in response to the charge that he “did, without lawful excuse, possess for the purposes of importation child pornography in the form of graphic computer images.”

Those images included sex acts performed on and by pubescent boys, Crown prosecutor David Elhadad read in an agreed statement of facts.

Defence lawyer Michael Edelson told the court Lahey wanted to give up his right to bail and be incarcerated.

“To signal to the court the sincerity and genuineness of his remorse, he wants to be in jail as of today’s date,” said Edelson.

Lahey came under suspicion after he hesitated and appeared nervous when questioned by a border agent at the airport as he was returning from London, England.

A border agent found a few images she deemed to be child pornography on his computer as well as sex toys in his bag, according to the statement of facts.

Further investigation found 588 images deemed child pornography on electronic devices he owns, as well as stories that depict forced sex acts, torture and degradation of young boys, the Crown said.

FORECAST

Summer fun in the sun?

Environment Canada says we could be in for a warmer-than-normal summer across the country.

Senior climatologist David Phillips says preliminary forecasts indicate June, July and August will be warmer than normal “from coast to coast to coast.”

Phillips says the news is creating a buzz because of the cool, wet weather so far this spring that he says has made people a little feisty.

“We’re really in a funk,” Phillips said.

“We’ve had a tough winter. We’ve had a disappointing spring. A lot of misery around. We’ve had wet, wet, wet and floods and coolish and we haven’t really drunk too much beer on outdoor patios.”

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School bullies get plea deals

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▶ Kayla Narey, pictured in court, apologized through tears yesterday, saying she was so jealous she put aside the values her family had instilled in her.

Probation for teens whose taunts led to 15-year-old hanging herself

Two U.S. teens accused of harassing a 15-year-old Irish-born classmate who later hanged herself were sentenced yesterday to a year of probation.

It was the first of five anticipated plea deals in a case that drew worldwide attention to school bullying.

Phoebe Prince's crying mother approved the deals finalized in a Massachusetts court.

Sean Mulveyhill and Kayla Narey, both 18, were sentenced for their roles in the bullying that preceded Phoebe's suicide in January 2010.

Three other former South Hadley High School students were expected to accept similar plea arrangements today.

Prosecutors have said the bullying stemmed from four girls' anger about Phoebe's relationships with Mulveyhill, who was captain of the school's football team, and another popular boy.

Mulveyhill apparently goaded some of the girls to harangue Phoebe after he dumped her.

Phoebe hanged herself, telling a friend in a text: "I can't take much more. It would be easier if (someone) handed me a noose."

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Bin Laden death pics will remain private: Obama

- AK-47s found in al-Qaida leader's hideaway
- Officials combing flash drives, computer files, DVDS

U.S. President Barack Obama said yesterday he has decided not to release death photos of Osama bin Laden because their graphic nature could incite violence and create security risks for the nation.

The president said that for anyone who does not believe bin Laden is dead, "we don't think that a photograph in and of itself is going to make any difference."

Photos taken by the Navy SEAL raiders show bin Laden shot in the head, officials have said.

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Bin Laden had about 500 euros sewn into his clothes and had phone numbers with him when he was killed, U.S. officials said. The findings may suggest that he was ready to flee his compound on short notice.

Obama's decision came a day before his planned visit to Ground Zero to lay a wreath and visit with 9-11 families and responders.

It also came after a revised description of the circumstances of bin Laden's death. After initially saying the terrorist was armed or even firing, the White House said Tuesday that bin Laden was unarmed, raising questions about the basis for his killing.

Later U.S. officials said that the Navy SEALs who stormed bin Laden's compound shot him after they saw him appear to lunge for a weapon.

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Pakistan. Outrage

▶ People chant anti-American slogans during a rally to condemn the killing of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, in Multan, Pakistan, yesterday.

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Protesters say killing unauthorized

Pakistan criticized the U.S. raid that killed Osama bin Laden as an "unauthorized unilateral action." Placards read: "America should tell who allowed them to arrest Osama bin Laden in Pakistan."

Last First World War combat vet dies in Australia at age 110

Claude Stanley Choules, the last known combat veteran of the First World War, has died.

The British-born Choules — nicknamed Chuckles by comrades — died in a nursing home Thursday local time. He was 110.

Choules joined the British navy as a teen and served on the battleship HMS Revenge, from which he watched the 1918 surrender of the German High Seas Fleet. He later migrated to Australia and served in the military for more than 40 years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fines will curb data breaches: Watchdog

Privacy commissioner says there's no incentive for companies to spend money on Internet security

Jennifer Stoddart, Canada's privacy commissioner, wants the power to impose "attention-getting fines" when major corporations fail to protect Canadians' personal information.

Stoddart's statement comes in the wake of a massive security breach disclosed by Sony last week that may have affected more than 100 million PlayStation accounts.

"Too many companies are collecting more personal information than they are able to effectively protect," Stoddart said yesterday, adding that "large fines" might serve as a prod to get corporations to meet their privacy obligations.

Meanwhile, Sony said yesterday that the company was "the victim of a very carefully planned, very professional, highly sophisticated criminal cyber attack designed to steal personal and credit card information for illegal purposes."

In a letter to the U.S. House Commerce Committee, Kazuo Hirai, chairman of Sony Computer Entertainment America LLC, defended Sony's handling of the data breach.

The company has shut down the affected systems while it investigates the attacks and beefs up security. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stronach. Steps down

▶ Frank Stronach, the tool and die maker who went on to build a multibillion-dollar auto-parts empire, stepped down as Magna chairman after the company's annual meeting yesterday in Markham, Ont.

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Magnanimous magnate

Frank Stronach arrived in Canada from Austria as a teenager and went from working on the shop floor to forging Magna into a company with $24 billion in sales. Stronach, 78, will now serve as a consultant, a role that rewarded him handsomely in 2010 when Magna reported a profit of $973 million.

Intel chips 'revolutionary'

A new "3-D" electronic switch on its chips will make computers even cheaper and more powerful, Intel Corp. said yesterday. The switches, known as transistors, have typically been flat. By adding a third dimension — "fins" that jut up from the base — Intel can make the transistors and chips smaller, which means they run on less power.

"This is definitely a revolutionary change," said Dan Hutcheson, CEO of VLSI Research Inc.

Chips with the 3-D transistors will appear in computers in 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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If you were to look at a cross-section of my brain, you would see many normal lobes — dedicated to such necessary guy functions as chore avoidance and retention of Wilf Paiement's NHL career totals. But where in a normal man you would find the area dedicated to time indexing of nudity in major motion pictures — the so-called charlizebellum — you would in me find a hyper vigilance toward electrical storms.

"When I hear thunder I courageously cover my head in blankets and courageously turn my iPod to full volume so that I might courageously pretend the storm is not happening."

And let me be clear: This is not a phobia. A phobia is an irrational fear. When I was a kid, I was scared of a thunderstorm's loud noises. That was a phobia. Now I am scared of 300 kilovolts entering through my head and leaving through some of my more important appendages. I have a hard time seeing this as unreasonable.

But I am a courageous Canadian warrior, so I know how to deal with lightning when it strikes. When I hear thunder I courageously cover my head in blankets and courageously turn my iPod to full volume so that I might courageously pretend the storm is not happening. You know when you see a big-eyed dog trembling under the couch because of thunderclaps? I'm underneath that dog, whispering, "Keep me safe, Zoe. Good girl."

Courage, my word.

I'm here to help you be brave, too, reader(s), so be sure to arm yourself with safety advice:

- Stand your ground. Lightning is as scared of you as you are of it.
- Avoid all conversations about God and irony.
- If it's the Tampa Bay Lightning, dump the puck in and get a good cycle going off the forecheck.
- If you start to feel scared, try aversion therapy. Once you are struck by lightning five or six times, your body will begin to acclimatize.
- If you hear a Muppet counting, take cover immediately.

If you still have concerns despite these tips, you can always seek me out for support. But don't call or email, because I won't use anything plugged in during a storm. Visit me instead. I'll be under the dog.

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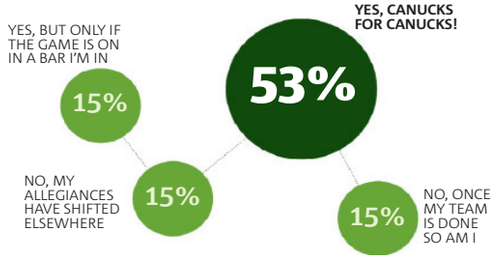

Local tweets

- **@little missrisk:** Going to start referring to guys smelling of weed as sporting East Van cologne. It's still better than Axe body spray.
- **@ctv_jim:** Premier Christy Clark confirms she will not debate David Eby in byelection fight; claims time constraints. #bcpoly @ctvbc
- **@jenyuhaus:** Did you know 16 bars in #Vancouver were fined $68k and closed for 81 days for overcrowding and staff drinking on the job?
- **@joycemurray:** The most important event 4 progress on #climate change is the assassination of Osama Bin Ladin. Obama's new popularity will mean he can act!
- **@FionaForbes:** The Apple store always smells so nerdy.
- **@seanlesliebc:** #bcpoli; Premier CC says she supports banning cosmetic pesticides, wants to engage NDP and public in how to enact ban.
- **@boolalacostumes:** Happy Star Wars' Day everyone! May the 4th Be With You! #costume #yvr

Worth mentioning

REDWOOD CITY, CALIF. Two women described by a prosecutor as "marijuana grannies" were jailed on allegations that they were growing hundreds of pot plants in their San Bruno home, authorities said late Tuesday.

Aleen Lam, 72, and Virginia Chan Pon, 65, were arrested Friday after neighbours called police to report a burglary, said San Mateo County district attorney Steve Wagstaffe.

When officers arrived, they found the door had been kicked in and nobody was home.

Through the broken door, police could see marijuana growing inside the house, Wagstaffe said.

Police obtained a search warrant and found 800 marijuana plants, $3,000 in cash and an electrical bypass that allowed the women to tap into a Pacific Gas and Electric Co. power line to steal electricity, Wagstaffe said.

"This has not happened in the 34 years that I've been here," he said in describing the operation and the suspects' ages.

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WEIRD NEWS

One man's trash may be another man's home

Albuquerque, N.M., authorities arrested a homeless man for failing to notify them that he moved out of the industrial trash bin he listed as his address.

KOB-TV reports Charles Mader is a convicted sex offender and is required to give the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department a physical address.

Detectives say Mader violated his sex offender registration requirement after moving out of the dumpster and failing to report the move within 10 days.

On Monday, deputies found Mader at a homeless shelter and arrested him.

Mader told KOB he wasn't familiar with some of the registration rules. Bernalillo County authorities say they have told Mader what the rules are repeatedly.

Sheriff's officials say Mader could face up to three years in jail for failing to register for a third time.

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Arts Club wraps Stanley stage's 2010/11 season with big hair, big laughs Adaptation of hit movie by John Waters that stared Ricki Lake

BACKSTAGE PASS

GRAEME MCRANOR
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Quick — what do Ricki Lake, John Travolta and local actor Jay Brazeau have in common?

They've all played a Turnblad in different iterations of the musical comedy, Hairspray.

Lake took on the original film role of Tracy Turnblad in John Water's 1988 cult classic. Set in the 1960s, it's about a "pleasantly plump" teenager who lands a spot on Baltimore's teen dance show and subsequently decides to use her newfound popularity to teach folks a thing or two about racial integration.

Travolta played Tracy's mother Edna in the 2007 remake.

Brazeau also played Edna in a Toronto stage adaptation of Hairspray in 2004 and will reprise his role for the upcoming Arts Club production, which opens in previews next Thursday (May 12) and runs until July 10 at the Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage.

"I'm happy to welcome Jay back to the role of Edna in our production," says Arts Club artistic managing director Bill Millerd. "I think he was born to play this role — Jay says he still has his stockings from when he played the part back east!"

If you want to check out Brazeau — and Jennie Neumann as Tracy — before most, there are two sneak-peek performances this weekend: Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Tickets run from $29 to $63, inclusive of taxes and fees. Call the Arts Club Box Office at 604-687-1644 or visit artsclub.com.

Comedy

Curb Your Enthusiasm. Fair to say Wanda Sykes isn't everyone's cup of tea. Still, the comedienne can be quite hilarious. Find out for yourself Friday night at the River Rock Show Theatre in Richmond. Tickets available at Ticketmaster.

DAVID COOPER.

▶ Jay Brazeau and Jennie Neumann in the Arts Club Theatre Company's production of Hairspray.

Scene in brief

Two days after he walked through tornado rubble in Alabama, actor Charlie Sheen has begun an online campaign to raise money for storm victims.

The website named "Torpedos against Tornadoes" says that donations will be tax-deductible and will go to Alabama victims of the April 27 twisters that ripped through the South.

The name of the relief campaign is derived from Sheen's touring stage show "My Violent Torpedo of Truth."

Sheen visited tornado-damaged Tuscaloosa this week and pledged to organize a benefit event.

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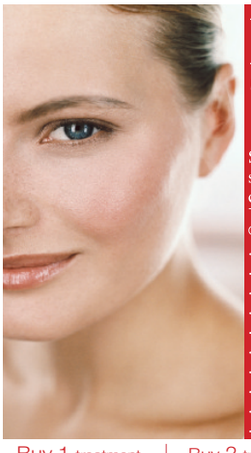

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"I don't think we should live our lives in relationships based off old traditions that don't suit our world any longer."

"I think we have to make our own rules."

CAMERON DIAZ ON THE IDEA OF MARRIAGE

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KENYA HUNT

Fashion firms rush to make versions of Kate Middleton's gown — at a fraction of the price.

Nailing that '70s look

Skip the literal, costume-y stuff, like bell bottoms Go for the silky dresses or breezy wide leg denim instead

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Wearing it

NICK CUNARD

▶ A billowy, maxi dress is the perfect nod to the good-time vibe the '70s are known for, without being too campy.

In case you haven't noticed, '70s-style maxi dresses and flared jeans are ruling spring. But here's the thing about decade comebacks.

First, they come fast and furious. For example, next fall will be all about the 60s — A-line dresses and skirts (and to a lesser extent, 90s grunge.) So choose wisely which disco-flavoured looks to invest in and resist the urge to blindly follow the trend cycle.

Nothing feels worse than pulling something out of your closet and realizing it feels dated merely six months after you've bought it.

Second, you don't want to interpret these decade-specific moments too literally. Search through the attic for your mom's old silk blouses and flowy dresses.

But stay far, far away from her bell bottoms — that is, unless you want people to think you're in costume. It's about updating the look in a modern way.

Think Diana Ross's daughter, Tracee, wearing one of her mother's old dresses with a pair of Vivienne Westwood boots on a sunny stroll in L.A., rather than Diana herself in a kimono dripping candle wax down her chest and screaming "I'm a winner baby!" in that 1970s classic Mahogany.

As far as longevity goes, I've put my money on the season's billowy dresses, which nod to the sexy, good-time vibe the decade is known for, but stops just short of camp.

I like that they give you just the slightest hint of Bianca Jagger at Studio 54, not to mention they can easily move from the office (depending on your line of work) to a summer rooftop party.

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To get a trendy side braid follow these easy steps.

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• **STEP 2** Apply heat with hairdryer, then loosely remove rollers. Spray sections of hair and flatiron into loose waves.

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Ideal after-the-prom breakfast

These French toast muffins won't hinder your teen's too-cool-to-be-bothered attitude They can grab and go

The prom, that end-of-high-school rite in which teenagers stuff themselves into outfits guaranteed to give their children a laugh 20 years down the road, is getting its own corollary, the post-prom event.

Whether it takes the form of a breakfast party in a private home or a community event, the idea is to provide a fun way to extend the night no one wants to end — and to increase safety at the same time.

"Prom and graduation are the times of year that kids are traditionally most vulnerable," says Penny Wells, executive director of Students Against Drunk Driving. "The idea sprang up that schools or other community organizations would try to keep kids in a safe place for the entire night."

If you're hosting a post-prom breakfast party for your child, keep in mind that portability and appeal are equally important for teenagers.

French toast can be a wholesome meal, but the need to sit down with a plate and fork can sometimes hinder their too-cool-to-be-bothered attitude. Cooking it in muffin cups is a solution.

This version includes a layer of maple breakfast sausage, but you can leave that out if you prefer, or substitute a few berries or thinly sliced apples.

MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ These French toast muffins are great for teens. They can eat them on the go.

Preparation:

1. Heat oven to 180 C (350 F). Line a 12-cup muffin tin with paper liners.
2. In a large skillet over medium-high, cook sausage until lightly browned and cooked through, 5 to 7 minutes. Let cool slightly.
3. Using a round 5-cm (2-inch) cookie cutter, cut 4 rounds from each slice of bread.
4. In bowl, whisk eggs, milk, salt, cinnamon and maple syrup. Dip rounds of bread in egg mixture and place 2 rounds in the bottom of each muffin cup. Crumble about 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the sausage into each cup. Add 2 more rounds of egg-dipped bread to each of the muffins. Sprinkle the tops with maple sugar.
5. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes or until puffed and golden brown. Serve warm.

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Ingredients:

- 400 g (7 oz) maple breakfast sausage
- 12 slices whole-wheat sandwich bread
- 4 eggs
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) milk
- Pinch salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) cinnamon
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) maple syrup
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Cinco de Mayo fave with a twist

The great news about the fatty flesh of a ripe Hass avocado, which is luxuriously buttery and creamy is that it is good for you. The fat that's in an avocado is mostly the healthier monounsaturated kind, similar to olive oils.

This bright green sweet pea and avocado guacamole is a spring-inspired version of the classic dip, and has a fresh, crisp flavour that is brightened by plenty of fire-roasted chilies, lime juice and chopped fresh cilantro.

The sweet baby peas lighten the guacamole while adding impressive amounts of vitamins. Use this dip as you would a traditional guacamole.

Preparation:

1. In a food processor, puree the peas, avocado, onion, chilies, lime juice, garlic, cumin and salt until they are smooth. Scrape down the sides of the processor bowl with a rubber spatula as you need. Pulse in the cilantro until it is just blended.
2. Serve with tortilla. This recipe makes about 2 1/2 cups (625 mL) or 12 servings of Sweet Pea and Avocado Guacamole.

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Ingredients:

- 2 cups (500 mL) frozen baby peas, thawed
- 1 avocado
- 1 small red onion, finely chopped
- 1 can (4 oz/125 mL) fire-roasted green chilies, drained
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) lime juice
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) ground cumin
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) chopped fresh cilantro

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▶ This guacamole is a spring-inspired version of the dip.

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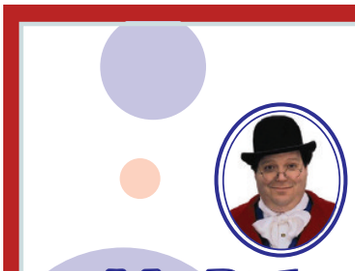

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Design expert Karl Lohnes offers tips to help you keep your mother styled in colour this spring

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This Sunday is the day to celebrate our mothers.

If yours is anything like mine, she'll insist that a fancy card (one that requires additional postage) and a phone call is all she wants.

My mom is not only getting a card, but a few stylish and useful items that will help keep her on trend around the house.

This spring's big trend includes a huge burst of colour on home accessories, so I've rounded up a roster of colourful goodies for mom that will be sure to make her the envy of next week's bridge game.

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Fun on the porch
Let mom relax in this retro favourite, recreated from the original 1940s design.

Durable construction in rolled steel offers a classic, bouncy action glide with a thoroughly modern powdercoat finish in punchy grass-green and bright white.

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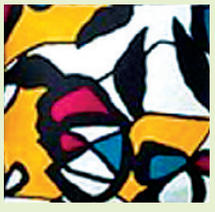

Flashback tabletop
The iconic 1970s fashion designer Diane Von Furstenberg has resurfaced onto the home decor scene with a tabletop product collection evoking her wild prints and mix-matched looks of the '70s.

Why not give mom a few useful memories from that fashionable era in a way that will brighten up the house.

Tabletop items from $30, exclusively at The Bay.

2011's trend colour
The stand mixer is a kitchen staple and if mom hasn't updated hers in years, then this is the one to get. KitchenAid has updated it with a funky pink called Raspberry Ice and added a glass bowl so she can see how the batter is beating. A percentage of the cost of KitchenAid's pink appliances goes toward the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation and almost $2 million has been raised so far.
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Punch of colour
Sears has its own brand of towels that are bursting with juicy colours. It's an easy way to add summer pizzazz to a bathroom.

Not sure which brights to choose?

Just look at the colours in mom's bathroom and choose the brighter version from Style Factory, Sears, from $16.

Slatkin candles
Harry Slatkin is the world's leader regarding all things candles and his collection of Summer Berry scents will have mom dreaming of making jams and jellies well before the berries hit the market.

Fresh Summer Berry scents will keep mom's place smelling like a summer garden come rain or shine.

Ripe Berry and Blueberry candle pots, $12 and up, Bath and Body Works.

Make your own planter box

Don't have a big backyard to garden? These easy-to-make boxes are an option

DIY IDEAS

Garden centres are stocking up and it's nearly time to move indoor seedlings outside.

Many gardeners opt to transplant seedlings into a planter box.

Planter boxes are easy to make and are especially useful for those with little or no backyard. DIY Network Canada's Yard Crashers (airing Tuesdays at 8 p.m. ET/ 5 p.m. PT) offers a basic step-by-step guide to constructing your own planter box.

Make a Plan

The first steps are to figure out a shape and size for the planter box. Planter boxes can take many shapes, but the most common is rectangular.

When determining the size of the planter box, consider taking an inventory of any scrap wood that is lying around. It will be more cost effective to make a planter box using the wood you already have. Any type of wood is suitable, but pressure-treated wood makes the box more durable.

Saw and Screw

A rectangular planter box will require two equal-in-size pieces of wood to act as the box's length and two equal-in-size pieces of wood to act as the box's width.

If purchasing wood, consider asking the merchant to cut the wood to your required size.

If you're using scrap wood, put on safety goggles and cut the wood using a table saw.

Sand down the edges where the wood has been cut. Arrange the pieces in the rectangular shape and fasten together using a screwdriver and wood screws.

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▶ Planter boxes can take many shapes, the most common being rectangular.

Bottoms Up

When adding a bottom to the planter box, first think about where you're going to place it outside. If it's going onto grass or soil, hammer a piece of lattice to the bottom. The holes in the lattice will encourage drainage and any spillage will be absorbed by the grass or soil. If the planter box is going on a balcony or a deck, then attach a solid piece of wood to the bottom of the box with wood screws and drill four three-quarter inch holes into the bottom.

Add a layer of gravel before adding soil and transplanting the seedlings to assist with drainage.

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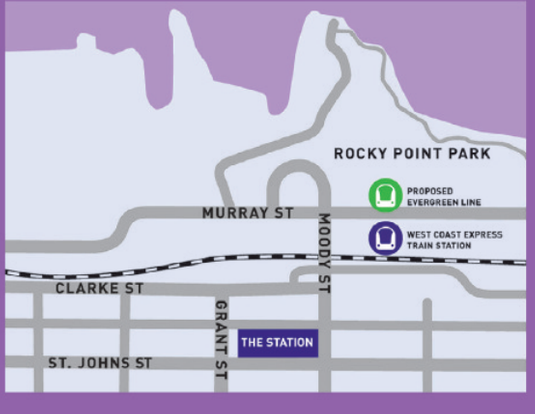

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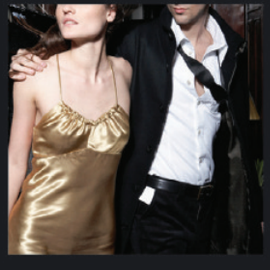

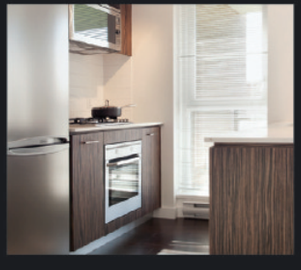

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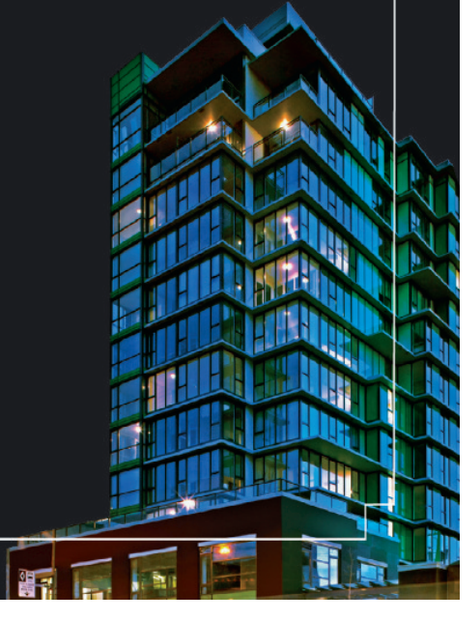

Big design for tiny spaces

Olson offers tips on making your shoebox pad feel bigger

BRANDON BARRÉ

▶ Candice Olson is the star of the W Network's Candice Tells All.

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN NEW YORK

Don't let your little apartment undermine the potential for big design. Interior design star Candice Olson knows her way around this dilemma and others.

On her W Network show, Candice Tells All, she transforms all sorts of homes — but we're interested in how she magically makes those shoebox pads feel more spacious. From adding lights to hanging drapes, design is based on getting creative when you don't have much to work with, explains Olson.

She shows us how.

Shopping for a sofa

"The most important element to keep in mind is the size of the arms," Olson advises.

If you opt for big, rolled arms, you won't be able to seat as many people.

But, if you choose simple and narrow track arms, you can probably fit another person on your couch.

For a small space, you should never pick a sofa that is more than 84 inches in length and 36 inches in depth.

Creating an illusion

• Place a floor mirror opposite to the window for the illusion of extra light and depth.

• Lighting tricks, such as adding lights to the perimeter of the room instead of the centre, make the room appear larger.

• Flowing drapery gives the illusion of having bigger windows.

• The placement of mirrors is key.

"You can expand a space if you back cabinets with mirrors," says Olson.

Smart furniture

• When it comes to furniture, think "double-duty," says Olson.

"Use your ottoman for seating and storage to remove clutter."

• Mount your television on to the wall.

• "When you have little space horizontally, you have to maximize it vertically," explains Olson. She recommends adding floor-to-ceiling bookshelves, which draw your eyes up.

Olson's essentials

• A simple, classic, small-scale sofa.

• 6x9 or 5x7 rugs to anchor furniture.

• Handcrafted pillows to take you out of the big box-store feeling.

• A fantastic lamp.

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Fire pits are moving beyond the basic bowl

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▶ A heavy duty copper basin fire pit by Fire Pit Art is shown.

Our first fire pit was a simple metal bowl, like a giant wok, perched on a metal stand.

We've enjoyed many pleasant evenings sitting around a crackling blaze, finding humour in the incongruity of a campfire in the middle of suburbia.

Marshmallows have been roasted, songs sung. The pit becomes evening entertainment, everyone intently watching the dancing flames.

But in the few years since fire pits hit the market, designers have really begun to, well, design them.

Now you can have one built into your dining table. Add a grill and host a teppanyaki (Japanese barbecue) supper. Or you can co-ordinate the pit with the rest of your backyard decor.

Sleek, powder-coated models are more furniture than utility. And with a variety of flame sources to choose from, you can now place your fire pit just about anywhere, including small balconies and swimming pools.

Take, for example, the coffee-table fire pit designed by John Xochihua of Portland, Ore., with a laser-cut, powder-coat steel top that's sleek and chic.

"Since fire is completely organic, I wanted to bring asymmetry and organic shapes into my design," he says.

"When you combine a fire element and a table, there are many more design considerations. The table becomes interactive, a focal point, a place to gather, much as fire has been for millennia."

Rick Wittrip of Lebanon, Tenn., has designed the Third Rock fire pit, which has fire emanating from cutouts where the continents would be in a world globe. The piece was featured at the Vancouver Winter Olympics.

Wittrip says he incorporates his skills as a welder, builder and carpenter, but it's the artist's vision leading the way.

"When I'm designing, I keep in mind that the fire pit is all about warmth and companionship," he says.

Both Wittrip's and Xochihua's designs are at homeinfatuation.com.

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Whether you choose a gift from the heart or from the store, mom is sure to appreciate your gesture of love and gratitude. Here are nine gifts from the heart.

Afternoon tea

Sometimes nothing means more to mom than the gift of your time. This year, simply spend the afternoon with your mom, bonding and reconnecting over a cup of tea or coffee.

Finding the time in your busy schedule to catch Mom up on your life will mean a lot to her.

Get mom online

Depending on your mother's age, she may still be leery of online activities. Spend the afternoon with her setting up accounts on sites that'll help you both stay connected.

A Facebook or Flickr profile can help you to share family photos more easily with her.

Or, she may just want help getting set up to bank online.

Write your mom a letter

Or a poem. No need to get fancy, but putting your sentiments down on paper will give her a lasting gift.

Handmade cards

Gather the kids for a day of crafting some handmade cards for mom. Armed with construction paper, scissors, crayons, pipe cleaners and sparkles, you never know what they'll come up with.

Flowers from the garden

Handpick a selection of favourites from your garden and surprise mom with a beautiful and bountiful bouquet.

Make mom dinner

Or order in. Whichever option you choose is fine as long as mom doesn't have to lift a finger to prepare it — or clean up.

Do mom's errands

Find out what odd jobs mom needs done around the house, and scratch them off her to-do list … whether it's doing some groceries or gardening, or changing a light bulb or an air filter.

Update mom's music

Chances are she hasn't updated her mp3 player with her new favourite songs and deleted those ones she's tired of hearing.

Clean out files mom no longer wants and bring her music library up to date. Add in a few songs that are especially from you to her.

Enjoy a spring picnic

Pack up a basket with sandwiches, drinks and a sweet treat for dessert and head out with mom for a Sunday afternoon in the park.

Whatever you decide, she'll be happy you had her in mind.

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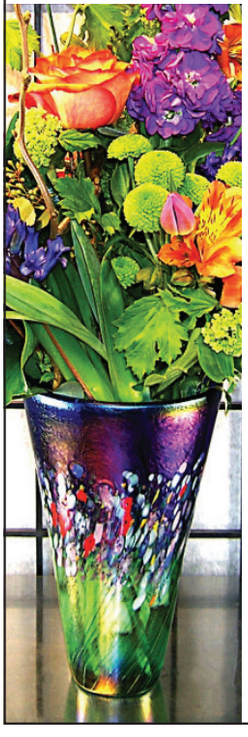

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Donate in her honour

Help another mother

Reader Alicia Pereira decided to honour her mom by sponsoring a child in Africa in her name. "I want her to know that her gift will help one mother in Africa gain access to medical treatment and counselling, which will help prevent the transmission of HIV to her son or daughter," she wrote in a letter to the editor. "I know it will be a gift she will be proud to receive, especially since she passed on her desire to help change the world for the better on to me."

They won't go gently

CANUCKS GAME DAY

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Storm warning for Bridgestone Arena this evening as there's a 90 per cent chance a high-pressure system will be employed by the home tenants.

The Predators are rarely outworked on their home ice (especially two games in a row), so the Canucks had best expect an onslaught of emotion in what could be the final game in Nashville this season.

Though it won't guarantee another road victory, the Canucks would be well served in outshooting the Predators based on statistics.

The Predators are winless when they don't manage more pucks on net than the opposition this post-season, but have won five of six games when they fire the most biscuits at the basket.

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▶ Shea Weber skates against the Vancouver Canucks on Tuesday.

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Extra, Extra!

Four of the last five Canucks games have gone to overtime with Vancouver surrendering a third-period lead on each occasion. The extra sessions have resulted in more than 66 minutes of extra play, meaning Vancouver has essentially played in excess of 12 games this post-season.

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Over Lou-ked?

The Preds' Pekka Rinne has dominated the headlines in this series, but Roberto Luongo's numbers are better. Luongo has stopped nearly 96 per cent of the 96 shots he has faced through three games and has a goals-against average of 1.06 to go along with his opening game shutout.

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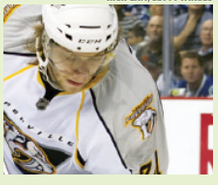

Shooters on the Rocks

Sergei Kostitsyn and Patrick Hornqvist led the Predators with 23 and 21 goals, respectively, during the regular season. The pair have combined for a mere 10 shots in over eight periods of play in this series.

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Mad Max

Maxim Lapierre leads the NHL with 41 hits in the playoffs, averaging more than four each game despite an average ice time of just 13:23 per contest. He also leads all Canucks centres in the faceoff circle, winning 55 per cent of his draws.

Trotz accuses Canucks of embellishing for penalties

Predators coach Barry Trotz says the Vancouver Canucks are playing games to draw penalties that just aren't fouls, so he's going on the offensive.

By defending the officials.

"That's gamesmanship, and I understand that," Trotz said yesterday. "It's also a little bit putting the referee in a tough spot. We have the best referees. If you're going to make them look bad, I don't think that's needed in the game."

CANUCKS | PREDATORS

▶ **Time:** 5:30 p.m.
Channel: CBC

It's a show of sportsmanship by Trotz, but the Predators aren't happy with two penalties called in Tuesday night's 3-2 overtime win by the Canucks. The victory gave Vancouver a 2-1 lead in the series and home-ice advantage again in their Western Conference semifinal.

The Predators claim that Ryan Kesler bent over to hold Nashville captain Shea Weber's stick in his belly, drawing a hooking call in overtime that set up his game-winning goal. Kesler's first goal of the post-season came 60 seconds into the second period off a power play set up when Jerred Smithson moved his stick while in front of Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo, who snapped his head back.

Trotz said he watched several replays of the Weber penalty and thought Kesler embellished how much hooking actually took place. Trotz also looked at Smithson's penalty and didn't see a foul there either. The coach wasn't happy yesterday.

"He just moved his stick over Luongo's mask. All of a sudden, after the stick goes to the other side, his head kicks back and (Smithson) gets a penalty," Trotz said.

The Canucks disagree and say both calls were legitimate penalties.

Luongo said there was contact with his mask, even though the stick doesn't appear to hit his mask on replays.

"I just turned my head. I mean I didn't throw myself on the floor or anything like that," Luongo said.

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Quoted

"We got the job done (Tuesday) night to take control of the series, and now Game 4 we can really make a statement that we want the series to end. We need to come out with that mindset to snag another one here."
CANUCKS FORWARD CHRIS HIGGINS

"I think any team that expects to have success in the playoffs has to get better."
VANCOUVER HEAD COACH ALAIN VIGNEAULT

Bulls pull even with Hawks

86	73
BULLS	HAWKS

Derrick Rose's night started with a trophy presentation from Commissioner David Stern and ended with those familiar "MVP! MVP!" chants from the crowd.

In between, he dominated in spurts. He struggled at times, too.

In the end, all that mattered was this: The Bulls and Hawks are now tied.

Rose scored 25 points, Joakim Noah added 19 points and 14 rebounds, and Chicago beat Atlanta 86-73 in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference semifinals last night.

The top-seeded Bulls shook off a dismal performance in the opener and looked more like the team with a league-high 62 wins, building a 14-point lead and ending the game on a 9-2 run after the Hawks got within six.

The past few days were a blur for Rose, with the news about his MVP breaking, the formal announcement on Tuesday and the presentation with Stern before opening tip.

The series shifts to Atlanta for Games 3 and 4 on Friday and Sunday.

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Caps struck down by Bolts

Lightning make third round for first time since 2004 Stanley Cup season

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▶ Lightning left-winger Sean Bergenheim celebrates after scoring against the Capitals in Tampa, Fla., last night.

5	3
LIGHTNING	CAPITALS

Sean Bergenheim scored two goals and Dwayne Roloson stopped 33 shots as the surging Tampa Bay Lightning completed a series sweep of the top-seeded Washington Capitals with a 5-3 victory in Game 4 last night.

Playing on consecutive nights for the first time this post-season, the Lightning extended their winning streak to seven games to advance to the Eastern Conference finals.

For Alex Ovechkin and the Capitals it was yet another bitter post-season disappointment.

Washington felt the first three games could have gone either way, with Ovechkin insisting after Game 3 that the series was far from over and that he expected his team to come back and win.

Rookie Michal Neuvirth stopped 32 shots for Washington, but Bergenheim scored twice in eight minutes during the second period to build a 3-1 lead that induced chants of "sweep, sweep, sweep" from a sell-out crowd of 20,835.

Martin St. Louis, Vincent Lecavalier and Steven Stamkos have elevated their games, but so has Bergenheim, who has a team-leading seven playoff goals. St. Louis' sixth goal of the playoffs, with 3:08 remaining, finished Tampa Bay's scoring.

Ryan Malone and Marc-Andre Bergeron also scored for the Lightning, who have not lost since dropping into a 3-1 hole against Pittsburgh in the first round.

Marco Sturm, John Erskine and John Carlson scored for the Capitals.

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▶ Daniel Paille scores in the second period.

B's up 3-0 once again

5	1
BRUINS	FLYERS

Zdeno Chara and David Krejci scored in the opening 63 seconds, and the Bruins added two more goals in a 95-second span in the second period last night to beat the Philadelphia Flyers 5-1 and take a 3-0 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

One year after watching their 3-0 series lead disappear, the Bruins again moved one game from sweeping Philadelphia in the conference semis. This year they have a chance to do it at home, with Game 4 tomorrow night at the TD Garden.

Tim Thomas made 37 saves for Boston, which hasn't reached the conference finals since 1992.

Brian Boucher stopped 16 shots for the Flyers before he was replaced with 4:46 left in the second period after Daniel Paille and Nathan Horton scored to make it 4-0. Sergei Bobrovsky made seven saves the rest of the way.

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Wings almost cooked

4	3
SHARKS	WINGS

Devin Setoguchi scored 9:21 into overtime to finish a hat trick, and the San Jose Sharks took a commanding 3-0 lead over the Detroit Red Wings in the Western Conference semifinals with a 4-3 win last night.

The Sharks will have a chance to sweep the series in Game 4 tomorrow in Detroit.

San Jose's Dan Boyle scored the tying goal with 4:08 left in regulation, setting up the Sharks' second overtime win of the series.

Pavel Datsyuk scored a go-ahead goal late in the second period, but Detroit couldn't hold on.

The Red Wings also didn't capitalize when Setoguchi went to the penalty box at 5:14 of overtime for holding.

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Sports in brief

Source says Dodgers can't make payroll

MLB. Major League Baseball believes the L.A. Dodgers don't have enough money to make payroll for the end of May, a source told The Associated Press yesterday. The person said MLB would step in and make payroll.

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Griffin sweeps rookie vote

NBA. Los Angeles Clippers forward Blake Griffin was named the rookie of the year yesterday, becoming the first unanimous choice for the award in 21 years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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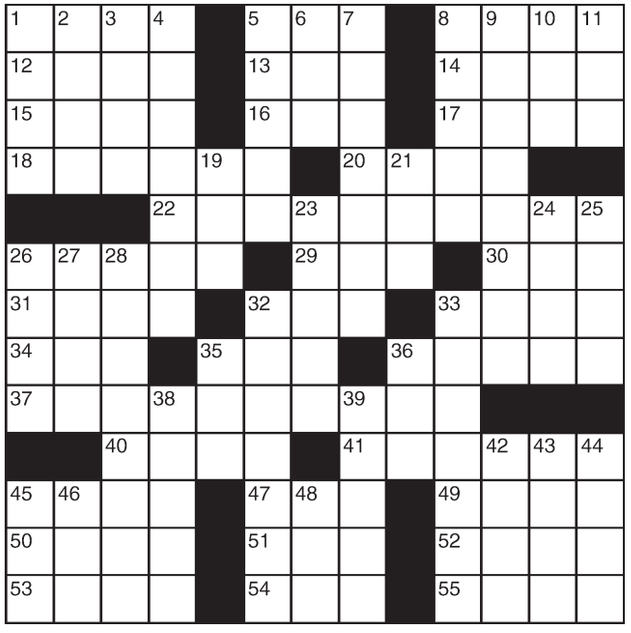

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30 Campaigner, for short
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Down

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2 Persisting
3 Hindu royal
4 Sheer silk fabric
5 Armada
6 Feathery accessory
7 Tel Aviv resident
8 No liability
9 Flicked a finger
10 Dined
11 Scarlet
19 Once around
21 Support system?
23 Ted Key's cartoon maid
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28 Skiing-shooting combo
32 Ill-prepared
33 Dexterity
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39 Lubricated
42 Hodgepodge
43 Point
44 Bigfoot's cousin
45 Mischief-maker
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▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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Scott Ingraham,
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 It may seem as if things are going wrong, but there is meaning among the madness.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Don't try to cling to something that has clearly come to the end of its allotted span.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 There is a danger that you will aim too high too soon and taste failure instead of success.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 It takes all sorts to make such an interesting world.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Make an extra special effort to keep your temper in check over the next 24 hours.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 If you go out of your way to help someone now they will go out of their way to help you later on.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 There is no point trying to change things that cannot be changed.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Stop beating yourself up about things you should have done but didn't. It's no big deal.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Like it or not today's events will force you to make changes to your schedule.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Someone will give you a hard time about what you are doing today but you must not let it change your plans in any way.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Make the best of the situation you happen to find yourself in.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. If you believe it, it will make it come true. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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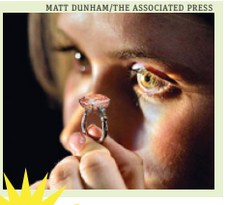

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